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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 700 (Birkholz)

The bill would require the City of Detroit to collect real and personal property taxes levied after December 31, 2003, by all taxing jurisdictions authorized to levy property tax in the city; and require the city treasurer to return all uncollected delinquent real property taxes to the Wayne County treasurer for collection.

Support: City of Detroit.

- **SB 700 passed [RC 527: 37 yes, 0 no].**

SB 787 (Hardiman)

Senate Bill 787 would exempt schools with lost MEAP tests from accreditation. During the last round of MEAP tests, a number of tests were lost during transition from the schools to the contractors responsible for scoring the tests. This bill would provide that if 25% of a school's answer sheets for a particular subject area are lost, the department would not assign an accreditation score or school report card for that subject area. If less than 25% of the answer sheets for a subject area were lost, the department would not include the pupils whose tests were lost in calculating the accreditation score or school report card.

- **SB 787 passed [RC 539: 37 yes, 0 no].**

SBs 805-06 (Birkholz/George)

Support: Mi. Municipal League, Mi. Chamber of Commerce.

Opposed: DEQ, Mi. Environmental Council -- under this bill, money would be taken away from cleanup for leaking underground storage tanks and other environmental remediation that is necessary for the health of Michigan residents.

Senate Bill 805 allows for \$75 million of Clean Michigan Initiative money to be used for loans and grants to local units of government and brownfield redevelopment authorities. The money would be allocated half and half with \$37.5 million to loans and \$37.5 million to grants.

- **Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].**
- **Birkholz 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This lowered the total funding for the program from \$80 million to \$75 million.**
- **SB 805 was moved to 3rd Reading.**

- SB 805 passed [RC 540: 37 yes, 0 no].

Senate Bill 806 would provide a structure for a revolving loan program which would serve local units of government and brownfield redevelopment authorities.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Birkholz 1A was adopted [no RC].
- SB 806 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 806 passed [RC 541: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4263 (Taub)

House Bill 4263 would put urban townships and villages on equal footing with cities for purposes of establishing a principal shopping district or a business improvement district. The bill is restricted to urban townships within three counties which excludes many local units that could benefit from being able to participate. The bill has been introduced at the request of the Orchard Lake Corridor Study Group which consists of six communities in south central Oakland County that want to collaborate to establish business improvement districts along the Interstate-696 corridor.

Support: Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Townships Association, Orchard Lake Road Corridor Study Group.

- HB 4263 passed with IE [RC 526: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4283 (Pappageorge)

HB 4660 (Garfield)

House Bill 4283 would provide 90 days of telephone shut-off protection for families whose household income is reduced due to a call to active military service. The telephone company may require the customer to restrict or eliminate some features and toll services. The company may also grant extensions.

Support: SBC, Telecommunications Association of Michigan, Verizon.

- HB 4283 passed with IE [RC 530: 37 yes, 0 no].

House Bill 4660 would provide 90 days of gas and electric shut-off protection for families whose household income is reduced due to a call to active military service. The utility may also grant extensions.

The utility would have to create a repayment plan that allows the customer to repay the past due amounts over a time period up to one year.

Support: Consumers Energy, DTE Energy, SEMCO Energy, Michigan Electric & Gas Association.

- HB 4660 passed with IE [RC 529: 37 yes, 1 no].

HB 4518 (GIELEGHEM)

Support: The Food & Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, Pinckney Community Schools, Food Anaphylaxis Education, MI Assn. of Ambulance Services, Mi. Hospital Assoc., MI Emergency Medical Technicians Assn., CIS, MSMS.

- HB 4518 passed with IE [RC 528: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4613 (HOPGOOD)

Current state law allows World War II veterans who did not complete high school because they were drafted or enlisted to receive high school diplomas. House Bill 4613 extends that ability to veterans of the Korean Conflict who entered the service during the period from June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

- HB 4613 passed with IE [RC 536: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4695 (TOBOCMAN)

HB 4698 (Bisbee)

HB 4699 (DeRoche)

House Bills 4695-98 would make technical corrections regarding references to the Credit Union Act. Support: Michigan Credit Union League.

- HB 4695 passed with IE [RC 533: 35 yes, 0 no].
- HB 4698 passed with IE [RC 534: 37 yes, 0 no].
- HB 4699 passed with IE [RC 535: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4938 (Taub)

The bill would repeal existing statutes that regulate notary publics, including 1) require a person to apply to the Secretary of State (rather than a county clerk) for appointment as a notary public; 2) prescribe \$10 application fee, a \$10 oath and bond fee filing fee, and a \$10 fee for a duplicate certificate of appointment. The fee increases would generate approximately \$238,000 in additional State revenue and \$250,000 for local units of government. The amount of revenue in future years would decline due to the extended term of appointment under the bill.

Support: Secretary of State, MI Assn. of County Clerks.

- HB 4938 passed with IE [RC 537: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4950 (Ward)

House Bill 4950 will allow a township board to, when appointing a township superintendent, designate that person either a township superintendent or township manager. Support: MI Township Association.

- HB 4950 passed with IE [RC 532: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5054 (Ward)

House Bill 5054 will allow barber services to be rendered outside of a barbershop to a person in the person's home if it is impractical or unsafe for the person to travel due to frailty, age, injury, or illness.

Support: Department of Consumer and Industry Services Supports, Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services, Elder Law of Michigan.

- HB 5054 passed with IE [RC 531: 37 yes, 1 no].

HB 5156 (McCONICO)

House Bill 5156 permits local governments in a financial emergency, subject to an emergency financial manager, to issue bonds in amounts greater than the limitations established by the city charter.

Support: City of Highland Park (residents in the city voted to sell assets in order to pay off the bonds.)
The amount of debt burdens some cities exceed the amount of bonding they can do by current law. Essentially, this provides one of the tools necessary for some municipalities to recover.

- HB 5156 passed with IE [RC 538: 36 yes, 1 no (Sanborn)].

THIRD READING

SB 637 (George)

This bill would amend current law with respect to underage drinking to prohibit a minor from having “any bodily alcohol content” as well as allow for imprisonment for repeat offenders. (Up to 30 days in jail for second offense and up to 90 days in jail for third offense).

Support: The District Judges Association and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Association of Michigan (PAAM).

Oppose: MI Beverages Association.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- Cropsey 1A was withdrawn.
- Cropsey 1B was [RC] This would lower the jail time from 90 to 60 days if the teen violated an probation order.
- SB 637 was moved to 3rd Reading.